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### From the Commander

#### ... to journeys

Last month The USAF Band held a ceremony for a Chief Master Sergeant who was retiring from the Air Force after completing 30 years of service. Over the years, I've presided over many ceremonies just like that one and my thoughts on those days are never far from three things: what an impact this person has made, how quickly the time has passed and the journey a life in service takes us on.

When this Chief joined the Air Force, Jimmy Carter was President and the "Miracle on Ice" at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York happened while he was at Basic Training. Seems like a long time ago, doesn't it? It's absolutely impossible to comprehend at the time, but for all of us who've been to Basic Training, the countdown clock on our military careers started that first day when we got off the bus at the training center--but our time in the service has a finite end to it, just like the sand in an hourglass running out.

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### Guest Artist Series Swings into March

The United States Air Force Band's Guest Artist Series continues on Sunday, March 7, with "It Might as Well be Swing," a program that features the world-renowned Canadian Brass. The performance will take place at Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. The concert is free and will begin at 3 p.m., with doors opening at 2 p.m.

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Canadian Brass  
March 7th

### Clinician's Corner



#### Hey Percussionists: Hit it! By Technical Sgt. Adam Green Percussion, Concert Band

When someone asks me what instrument I play, I usually say percussion. Without failure, the next thing they ask is, "So, what instrument do you play?" Then, I usually get a little more basic and say drums. "Ah," they say, "I used to play bass drum in high school marching band," or, "Oh cool, so you're the guy in the back that plays the triangle." Every once in a while, someone will understand the scope of what playing percussion means, but generally speaking, it's not like saying I play the cello. Truthfully, playing percussion involves an in-depth range of instruments.

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In another whirlwind of activity for The USAF Band's "Celtic Aire," the ensemble performed brilliantly in Kyrgyzstan for U.S. and coalition forces, as well as for local civilian audiences. Their audiences have included everyone from local Kyrgyz elementary school children to the U.S. Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan. For seven days in February, Celtic Aire reached out to over 1,500 service members and civilians, winning hearts and minds all along the way.

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### Chamber Players: A Closer Look

There will be several exciting opportunities to catch small ensembles and soloists from The USAF Band in more intimate concert settings throughout the month of March. In Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., the Chamber Players Series will present six programs featuring members of the Air Force Strings, Concert Band and Singing Sergeants.



For the latest information about the Chamber Players Series, please refer to the [calendar](#) on our website. Also, in case of inclement weather, be sure to call our 24-hour Concert Line at (202) 767-5658. We hope you can make it to one of our events!

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### Hails and Farewells

The United States Air Force Band wishes to say thank you and farewell to the following member:

**Technical Sgt. David P. Sisk**, Trombone, *Ceremonial Brass* - Separation

And we would like to welcome our newest member:

2nd Lieutenant Peter J. Folliard, *Staff Officer*

## Recollections

The United States Air Force Band is continually working to expand our archives and capture details of the historic music made throughout the years. "Recollections" was designed to enlist your help in this process. If you have any behind-the-scenes stories from these events or memories to share from the featured photographs, please email Band Historian Technical Sgt. Tracey MacDonald at [USAFBandHistorian@afncr.af.mil](mailto:USAFBandHistorian@afncr.af.mil). Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

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## Recollections Revealed

To read newly-discovered background information pertaining to the photos we included in last month's Cadenza, please [click here](#).

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### Upcoming Events

#### Guest Artist Series - Washington, D.C.

Mar 7 - Canadian Brass

#### Chamber Players [\(click to learn more\)](#)

Mar 3 - Reston, Va.

Mar 5, 19, 26 - Alexandria, Va.

Mar 18, 25 - Ft. Washington, Md.

#### Workshop with Canadian Brass & The USAF Brass Quintet

Mar 5 - Washington, D.C.

#### TV Broadcast Taping of Veteran's Tribute

May 14 - North Bethesda, Md.

Please see our [calendar](#) for specific information on these and other upcoming performances!

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